

# Mannion Middle School

## 8th GRADE COURSE CATALOG 2025-2026

All 8th Grade students at Mannion Middle School are required to take the following course:

English 8

History & Geography 8

Pre-Algebra 8

Health/PE/Computer Sci & App

Science 8

Elective

Placement in all core subjects will be based on student need, academic readiness, and assessment scores.

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8**

This one-year course provides instruction in the English Language Arts strands identified by the Common Core State Standards as reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. This course is designed to build on knowledge and skills through close reading of texts, learning combining elements of different kinds of writing in support of analysis and reflection, and class discussions. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the eighth grade English requirement.

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8 ACCELERATED**

This one-year course provides instruction in the English Language Arts strands identified by the Common Core State Standards as reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. This course is designated as accelerated by the enhanced instructional pacing and depth of content. This course is designed to build on knowledge and skills through close reading of texts, learning combining elements of different kinds of writing in support of analysis and reflection, and class discussions. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the eighth grade English requirement.

### **PRE-ALGEBRA**

This one-year course is designed to focus on three critical areas: 1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; 2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; and 3) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness, including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the mathematics requirement for eighth-grade students.

## **ALGEBRA**

This one-year course provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills for further studies in mathematics. It is intended to increase mathematical fluency in problem solving, reasoning, modeling, and effective communication in the study of number, algebra, functions, and statistics. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the Algebra I requirement and one of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation. (Course is also offered through Nevada Learning Academy at CCSD)

## **GEOMETRY**

This one-year course provides students with a rigorous study of Euclidean geometry including advanced topics. It incorporates problem solving, reasoning, modeling, and effective communication in the study of transformational geometry, trigonometry, measurement, and probability. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of mathematical tools and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills one of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation. (Course is also offered through Nevada Learning Academy at CCSD)

## **SCIENCE 8**

This one-year course for eighth-grade students provides the physical science explanations that extend understandings developed in previous science courses. Students will use scientific processes, protocols, and tools, including inquiry, to build understanding of structures, patterns, and relationships explained through the physical sciences. Critical thinking, collaboration, accuracy, and communication skills will be emphasized as students refine their scientific literacy. This course is required for eighth-grade students.

## **SCIENCE 8 ACCELERATED**

This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from the life sciences, Earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. This course is designated as accelerated by the enhanced instructional pacing and depth of content. The topics covered in Science 7 Accelerated include Structure and Properties of Matter; Chemical Reactions; Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems; Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems; Earth's Systems; History of Earth; Human Impact; and Engineering Design. Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques are essential to this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the eighth-grade science requirement.

## **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 8**

This one-year course examines the development of the Eastern Hemisphere with an emphasis on global studies. Using appropriate technology, students develop an understanding of current world issues and relate them to geographical, historical, political, economic, and cultural contexts. Students will develop, research, and answer compelling questions using various and cross-disciplinary source material. Students will construct organized arguments for various audiences and purposes using researched evidence and reasoning. Students will participate in rigorous academic discussions, emphasizing multiple viewpoints in which claims and evidence are acknowledged and critiqued. Students will take action on local, regional and global problems at various times and places. This course fulfills the eighth-grade social studies requirement.

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### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION (FLIPS WITH HEALTH AT QUARTER)**

This one-quarter course provides students the opportunity to develop a health-enhancing level of physical fitness. Students engage in movement and fitness activities at moderate to vigorous levels for a minimum of 50% of the instructional time. Through participation in physical activities, students develop motor skills, movement patterns, and safety within the course. Health-enhancing fitness concepts are explored through personal goal setting and self-evaluation. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the physical education requirement for eighth-grade students.

### **HEALTH (FLIPS WITH PE AT QUARTER)**

This one-quarter course provides students an introduction to the mental, physical, social, emotional, and environmental aspects of human wellness. Goal setting and decision making processes are the foundation of this course. Topics include wellness, nutrition and physical activity, body systems, substance use and abuse, communicable and non-communicable diseases, violence prevention, safety, and consumer health. Sex education and sexually transmitted infectious disease education, within established guidelines, is an integral part of this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the health requirement for eighth-grade students.

### **COMPUTER SCIENCE (FLIPS WITH PE/HEALTH AT SEMESTER)**

This one-semester course provides students with skills in computer science and applications. Areas of emphasis include computer science, computational thinking, productivity applications, digital citizenship, and integrated technology. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. This course is appropriate for grades eight through twelve. This course fulfills the one-half computer science credit required for high school graduation.

### **CCSD RETENTION POLICY**

The retention policy is based upon Clark County School District Regulation 5123. This policy is subject to change by the Nevada State Board of Education and the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees.

**EIGHTH GRADE:** A pupil who enters Grade 8 must complete three semesters with a passing grade in mathematics, three semesters with a passing grade in English or reading, two semesters with a passing grade in science, and two semesters with a passing grade in social studies during the seventh and eighth grade years for promotion to high school.

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ELECTIVE CHOICES**

Electives are based upon student enrollment and staff availability.

#### **BEGINNING BAND (Fee \$20)**

The Beginning Band (brass, woodwind, and percussion) is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students without any previous musical experience. This course involves applying the basic fundamentals of music reading and the specific performance techniques of the instrument being studied. Daily home practice and concert participation are required. This course is a preparatory course for progression into concert band and symphonic band.

#### **INTERMEDIATE BAND (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is designed for students who have successfully completed the skills required in beginning band. Areas of emphasis include intermediate fundamentals of music reading and the specific performance techniques of the instrument being studied. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six through eight and may be repeated.

#### **ADVANCED BAND (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is designed for students who have successfully mastered intermediate band skills. Areas of emphasis include fundamentals of music reading, specific performance techniques of the instrument being studied, and advanced concepts of tone production and intonation. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six through eight and may be repeated.

#### **BEGINNING ORCHESTRA (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is designed for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with no previous orchestra experience. The course involves applying basic fundamentals of music reading and the specific performance techniques of the instrument being studied. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six through eight and may be repeated.

**INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is designed for students who have successfully completed a middle school beginning orchestra course and/or demonstrated the required skills by audition. The course involves applying both basic and intermediate fundamentals of music reading and the specific performance techniques of the instrument being studied. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six through eight and may be repeated.

**ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is designed for students who have successfully completed a middle school intermediate orchestra course and/or demonstrated the required skills by audition. Areas of emphasis include advanced concepts in music reading, specific performance techniques of the instrument being studied, tone production, and intonation. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six through eight and may be repeated.

**BEGINNING CHORUS (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is designed as an introductory study in basic vocal production and music fundamentals. Major topics include beginning vocal performance skills, live performance opportunities, and the study of basic vocal literature including a range of historical periods and cultures. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six through eight and may be repeated.

**INTERMEDIATE CHORUS (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is designed for middle school students who have successfully completed a beginning vocal music course, and/or have demonstrated competency by audition. Major topics include intermediate vocal performance skills, live performance opportunities, and the study of basic and advanced vocal literature including a range of historical periods and cultures. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six through eight and may be repeated. Revised May 2019.

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This one-year course is designed for middle school students who have successfully completed an intermediate vocal music course, and/or have demonstrated competency by audition. Major topics include advanced vocal performance skills, live performance opportunities, and the study of advanced vocal literature including a range of historical periods and cultures. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six through eight and may be repeated.

<p><b>MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:</b> Please do not purchase or rent band or orchestra instruments until the instructor verifies instrument choices and sends information home.</p>
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### **BEGINNING ART (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course develops basic knowledge and skills in visual art techniques through the introduction of a variety of media and subject matter. Various styles and artists are considered within their historical context. Problem solving, creativity, and originality are developed through planning, art making, and reflection. Students learn principles and practices of aesthetics and critique. Through collaboration and production, connections will be made between visual art and their academic studies, lives, and the world around them. Instructional practices will incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contribution to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course will fulfill one elective credit.

### **INTERMEDIATE ART (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is for students who have successfully completed beginning art, and will expand skills in visual art techniques through a variety of media and subject matter. Various styles, artists and historical periods will be investigated and demonstrated. Students will continue to develop problem solving skills, creativity and originality through art making and discussion. Students will apply knowledge of principles and practices of aesthetics and critique. Through collaboration and production, connections will be made between visual art and their academic studies, lives, and the world around them. Instructional practices will incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contribution to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course will fulfill one elective credit.

### **ADVANCED ART (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is for students who have successfully completed beginning and intermediate art and will apply advanced skills in visual art techniques through an expanded variety of media and subject matter. Diverse styles, artists and historical periods will be analyzed and incorporated into production. Students will implement creativity, originality and innovation through problem solving and art making. Students will demonstrate an extended knowledge of aesthetics and will effectively critique their own work and the artwork of others. Through collaboration and production, connections will be made between visual art and their academic studies, lives, and the world around them. Instructional practices will incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contribution to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course will fulfill one elective credit.

### **SPANISH 1**

This one-year course is designed to facilitate a student's acquisition of the target language at the novice-high level as identified in the foreign language proficiency guidelines established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). The focus is communication in the target language incorporating an understanding of the target cultures, connecting with other disciplines, comparing native language to the target language, and participating in multicultural communities. The course provides practice in correct use of basic vocabulary and language structures to enable students to function effectively within realistic settings. ACTFL recommends that at least 90% of the instructional time in class be conducted in the target language. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills either one of the elective credits or the Arts/Humanities credit required for high school graduation.

## **SPANISH II HONORS**

This one-year course is designed for students who have successfully completed Spanish I or who demonstrate a proficiency level of novice-high as identified in the foreign language proficiency guidelines established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Students continue to refine proficiency in the target language with the end-of-course goal of demonstrating proficiency at the intermediate-low level. This course is designated as honors level by the accelerated instructional pacing and depth of content. The focus is communication in the target language incorporating understanding of the target cultures, connecting with other disciplines, comparing native language to the target language, and participating in multicultural communities. The course provides practice in correct use of basic vocabulary and language structures to enable students to function effectively within realistic settings. ACTFL recommends that at least 90% of the instructional time in class be conducted in the target language. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills one honors credit of the elective credits or the Arts/Humanities credit required for high school graduation.

## **EXPLORATIONS- CROSS TRAINING**

This one-year course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to develop a basic understanding of the principles of athletic strength and cardiovascular training. Students will receive instruction in a variety of bodyweight training activities that will enable them to develop athletic strength, endurance, flexibility, speed and power. Students engage in movement and fitness activities at moderate to vigorous levels for a minimum of 50% of the instructional time. Students will participate in varied functional fitness movements at high intensity levels. Students will develop universal motor recruitment patterns by building functional movements, physical skills, and by adapting functional movements to their personal skill levels.

## **EXPLORATIONS- BEST BUDDIES PROGRAM**

This one-year course is designed to allow students to work closely with other students on campus by participating in a two part program. One semester will focus on the beginning art curriculum where students will learn the basic knowledge and skills in visual art techniques through the introduction of a variety of media and subject matter. One semester will allow students to participate in several physical education activities including basketball, volleyball, pickleball, etc. Through participation in physical activities, students develop motor skills, movement patterns, and safety within the course. Students who select this course must exhibit patience, empathy, and selflessness.

## **STUDENT AIDE: (2.5 Min. GPA, No D's or F's, No N's or U's in Citizenship, No Suspensions or In-House Suspensions)**

This one-year course is designed to allow students to assist teachers in classroom management. Under the direction of a supervising teacher, students will gain experience in clerical duties, laboratory assistance, working with faculty members, and following directions. Students are assigned supervising teachers by a formal application process. This is an elective course for eighth grade students.

## **CAFETERIA AIDE**

This one-year course is designed to allow students to train in the school cafeteria. Under the direction of a food supervisor and a certified educator, students will gain experience in food service and handling, in handling money, in being responsible for customer service, and following directions. This is an elective course for eighth grade students.

### **MEDIA PRODUCTIONS (Fee \$20)**

This one-year course is designed to provide students with advanced skills and knowledge in the production of multimedia projects and publications. Students use a variety of techniques to produce projects combining audio and video for school announcements. Students will also participate in the concepts of journalism that will be applied through publication of the school newspaper and yearbook. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology and digital media are an integral part of this course.

### **ROBOTICS (Documented Robotics Experience Required)**

This one-year course is designed to integrate scientific and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas related to robotics. This course expands students' knowledge through the application of robotics principles and vocabulary. Students engage in kinesthetic project-based learning experiences, writing, and research projects. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This is an elective course appropriate for grades six, seven, and eight.

### **STUDY SKILLS 8**

This one-year course is designed to give eighth grade students insights on how they learn school-related skills and how they can improve their grades. Students will receive instruction to enhance the understanding and integration of ideas and skills contained in content lessons. This is an elective course for eighth grade students.

**ATTENTION PARENTS: To ensure student proficiency in core curriculum subjects, students that have scored a 1 on the math SBAC for the past two years, and not enrolled in a music elective, may be placed in a math support class.**

### **FUNDAMENTALS OF MATHEMATICS**

This one-year intervention course in mathematics is designed for students who need additional instruction and support to master necessary middle school mathematics concepts. This course provides additional instruction in conjunction with the student's required mathematics course of study in grades 6, 7, and/or 8. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The use of manipulatives, mathematical tools, and technology, including calculators and computer software, is an integral part of this course. This course is a repeatable elective course and does not fulfill the middle school mathematics requirement for promotion.

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### **SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR**

This calendar is subject to change. Please review the current calendar online at: <https://ccsd.net/district/calendar/>



## **PATHWAY TO GRADUATION FOR STUDENTS**

1. Complete coursework designed around individual goals and Core Enrollment Expectations
2. Take the ACT with Writing in eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) grade, at no cost (or take the NAA for Alternative Diploma students)
3. The following page contains information about the credit requirements for the high school diplomas available to you. You must meet all of the requirements for at least one diploma to graduate from high school

### **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**

High School Graduation Diploma Credit Requirements	Advanced Diploma	College and Career Ready Diploma <sup>a</sup>	Standard or Alternative <sup>b</sup> Diploma
Area of Study	Credit(s)	Credit(s)	Credit(s)
English	4	4	4
Mathematics	4	4	3
Science	3	3	2
World History/Geography	1 <sup>c</sup>	1 <sup>c</sup>	-
United States History	1	1	1
United States Government	1	1	1
Physical Education	2	2	2
Health	½	½	½
Use of Computers	½	½	½
College and Career Flex Credit	-	-	2 <sup>d</sup>
Arts/Humanities/Occupational Ed	1	1	1 <sup>c</sup>
Electives	6	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>GPA Requirement</b>	<b>3.25 unweighted</b>	<b>3.25 weighted</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>a</sup> Additional College and Career Ready Diploma requirements:

- One (1) of the mathematics credits must be Algebra II or higher, and
- Proficiency in two languages, or two (2) credits in: AP\* courses, IB\* courses, Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit courses, a CTE\* program of study, Work-Based Learning courses, or a world language course, and
- Earn a College-Ready endorsement or a Career-Ready endorsement, or earn both.

<sup>b</sup> Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn the Alternative Diploma through participation in the NAA\* instead of the ACT. This diploma is included in a school's graduation rate, and students remain eligible for IDEA\* services until their 22nd birthday.

<sup>c</sup> CCSD students must take World History or Geography to earn either the Arts/Humanities/CTE credit for the Standard Diploma or the World History/Geography credit for the other diplomas.

<sup>d</sup> Flex Credits are: a 2nd or 3rd year CTE\* course, or a 4th year of mathematics (Algebra II or higher), or a 3rd year of science, or a 3rd year of social studies. World History will only be a Flex Credit if a student also takes Geography.

# **MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS**

## ***SCHEDULE CHANGES***

To ensure students receive the required amount of instruction to earn credit, schools may only change courses until a predetermined specific date each semester, as determined by the school's schedule. The school will communicate with students and their families about these deadlines. Please contact your school counselor with questions.

Courses may only be changed with administrative approval. Distance learning and online coursework (e.g. Apex, Edgenuity) allow students to earn credit through digital instruction and are excluded from these guidelines.

A unit of credit is awarded for a course containing at least 120 hours of instruction or 60 hours per semester. Courses contain 120 hours of classroom instruction, excluding passing periods.

SOURCE: NAC 389.040

## ***PROMOTION/RETENTION***

Throughout middle school, a well-balanced educational program including mathematics, English, reading, science, social studies, career and technical education, fine arts or exploratory classes, health, and physical education is emphasized. Students who successfully complete all middle school coursework are prepared for the rigors of high school and the End-of-Course Exams. The Nevada State Board of Education and the Clark County School District have adopted promotion standards and regulations to ensure students are academically prepared.

### **STATE OF NEVADA REGULATION FOR PROMOTION TO HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Students enrolled in Grade 8:**

Per CCSD Regulation 5123 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 389.445:

A pupil who enters Grade 8 must complete three semesters with a passing grade in mathematics, three semesters with a passing grade in English or reading, two semesters with a passing grade in science, and two semesters with a passing grade in social studies during the seventh- and eighth-grade years for promotion to high school. An eighth-grade student who does not meet promotion requirements may be promoted to high school on academic probation provided the student meets the criteria for academic probation as defined in Subsection F. A parent or guardian may elect not to place his/her child on academic probation but to remain in Grade 8.

### **High School Academic Probation**

Per CCSD Regulation 5123 Subsection F:

Although a student may be promoted to high school on academic probation, summer school credit retrieval is recommended to improve academic skills and to prepare for success in high school. Successful completion of required summer school courses may remove a student from academic probation.

An eighth grade student who has not met the promotion requirements may be promoted to the ninth grade on academic probation provided at least one of the following criteria has been met:

1. CRT scores meet or exceed standards in the area(s) of credit deficiency; or
2. Credits have been earned in the core area(s): English or reading, mathematics, science, and social studies; however, the student is deficient in one semester of the five total credits required for promotion; or
3. A student reaches the age of sixteen before, on, or after the first day of school.

High School Academic Probation will consist of the appropriate remediation in the subject area(s) in which the student failed to pass in middle school. Remediation may include, but is not limited to a minimum of one semester of remedial instruction in the deficient subject area(s) during the ninth grade year. The student must earn a passing

grade in the remediation course(s) in order to be removed from academic probation. A student may be placed on academic probation for more than one semester.

An eighth grade student not meeting criteria for promotion to 9th grade and not meeting the criteria for academic probation may be retained in the eighth grade for the following school year without limitation.

A retained student may not be promoted mid-year.

## Students enrolled in Grade 6 or Grade 7

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY AND REGULATION 5123

**Clark County School District Policy and Regulation 5123 – Promotion, Retention, and Demotion of Students – sets the standard for promotion from Grade 6 to Grade 7 and from Grade 7 to Grade 8.**

- A pupil in Grade 6 must complete one semester with a passing grade in mathematics, English or reading, and science for promotion to seventh grade. The principal has the authority to determine the course(s) which need to be repeated. No student may be retained more than once in the sixth grade.
- A pupil in Grade 7 must complete one semester with a passing grade in mathematics, English or reading, science, and social studies for promotion to eighth grade. The principal has the authority to determine the course(s) that need to be repeated. No student may be retained more than once in the seventh grade.

SOURCE: Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 389.445, CCSD Regulation 5123

### ENROLLMENT EXPECTATIONS

The enrollment expectations for middle school students are listed below by grade level. Middle schools may vary the curriculum in an effort to provide additional opportunities for students to succeed within the school.

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
Reading	Reading	English
English	English	Mathematics
Mathematics	Mathematics	Science
Science	Science	Social Studies
Physical Education	Social Studies	Health
Elective	Elective	Physical Education
Elective		*Computers
		Elective

\*Students who have not previously taken and passed Computer Science and Applications prior to the 2024-2025 school year will be required to take the course in Grade 8 with Health (1 quarter) and PE (1 quarter).

## **ACADEMIC PLANNING**

### ***THREE-YEAR COURSE PLANS***

Each sixth grade student must have an approved three-year academic plan. The academic plan must set forth the specific education goals the student intends to achieve before promotion to high school.

The sixth-grade student and his/her parent or legal guardian are required to work in consultation with a school counselor to develop an academic plan. In addition, students in seventh and eighth grade are required to review the academic plan at least once each school year in consultation with a school counselor and revise the plan, if necessary.

SOURCES: CCSD Regulation 5123

### ***EARNING CREDIT***

Nevada law states that students may earn a unit of credit for successful completion of a course containing at least 120 hours of instruction or the equivalent. The Clark County School District (CCSD) has a variety of ways for students to earn credit. Internal credits are taken at a CCSD school, and external credits are taken outside of the school district. External credits are limited to 6.0 total credits for high school course work, and must be pre-approved by the school of full-time enrollment.

SOURCE: NAC 389.040

### **Accelerated, Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB)**

In middle school, accelerated course work is available to students who demonstrate above average proficiency in core course work. Each middle school may offer a different set of accelerated courses to benefit their students.

The CCSD Honors, AP, and IB course offerings are designed to challenge students to enroll in more demanding and rigorous coursework and to improve advanced academic achievement of students demonstrating accelerated educational potential.

Mastery of AP and IB course content shall be determined by participation in the AP or IB examinations sponsored by the College Board and International Baccalaureate. Students are required to take the AP or IB examinations for each course.

Parents or guardians may waive the testing requirement related to AP and IB by informing the school administration in writing.

SOURCE: CCSD Regulation 5127

### **High School Credit Taken in Middle School**

Certain coursework taken in middle school (grades 6-8) may be counted as credit required to graduate from high school. Common courses include, but are not limited to:

- Computer Science and Applications
- Algebra I, Geometry Honors
- World Languages

### **Concurrent Credit**

Concurrent credits are credits a student earns from another CCSD school while still attending the school of full-time enrollment. A student may not be enrolled in two or more instances of the same course concurrently. All concurrent course enrollments require prior approval from the student's school counselor. There is no limit on earning concurrent credits. See a school counselor for more information on the following concurrent programs:

## **Nevada Learning Academy**

For specific information, including fees, call (702) 855-8435 or visit <http://nvlearningacademy.net/>

### **Summer School**

Middle school students may earn middle school credit during the summer only as remediation for failed coursework. Students who have finished their 8th grade year and are being promoted to high school may begin to take high school credit summer school coursework to accelerate their learning. Registration information is available in the counseling office in the spring. Additional information is available at <http://ccsd.net/schools/summer-school/>.

### **Duplicate Coursework – Repeating Courses**

A student may repeat a course where the student took a course for high school credit but shall not receive additional credit for the repeated course. When repeated, the higher grade for the course shall be recorded on the permanent record and the lower grade replaced with a repeated course (RP) notation.

A student may repeat a high school failed course one time to improve a grade. Regardless of the number of times a course is repeated, a grade of an “F” will only be removed once. If applicable, all other “F’s” will remain on a transcript.

## **POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

### ***NEVADA UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS***

The Nevada Board of Regents set the requirements for admission to Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions.

- 3.0 GPA (weighted or unweighted) in 13 High School Courses:
  - 4 credits in English
  - 3 credits in math
  - 3 credits in social studies
  - 3 credits in natural science
- SAT or ACT Test Scores:
  - The new SAT Critical Reading and Math combined score of 1120
  - The ACT Composite score of 22
- Nevada Advanced Diploma

### ***FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY***

- A public or private educational institution where you can earn a bachelor's degree
- Schools vary in size, admissions criteria, academic standards, course offerings, student population, location, and cost
- In most colleges or university programs, you are expected to sample a variety of courses during the first two years and then focus on your major in the last two years
- Requirements for graduation differ, although most colleges require a certain number of credits in English and foreign languages

### ***PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE***

- Ability to live at home while adjusting to college classes
- Simpler admissions requirements (High School Diploma or GED, Registration, Placement Test)
- Opportunity to sample college classes
- A chance to build a better academic record
- Lower tuition and other costs than at a typical four-year college

### **PRIVATE JUNIOR COLLEGE**

- An opportunity to live away from home in a supportive environment
- Small classes with opportunities to improve academic skills
- Easier entrance requirements than a typical four-year college or university

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES**

- Provides a way to explore subject areas
- Opportunity to build academic study skills without worrying about grades
- Allows students to experience and explore college as an option

### **LIFE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS**

- Learn necessary daily living skills
- Practice independent living
- Be part of a college or university

### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

- Begin working immediately
- Receive training on the job and take classes
- Earn money and benefits when you work
- Learn skills that will make you employable anywhere

### **CAREER, VOCATIONAL, OR TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

- Minimal admissions requirement (high school graduation may or may not be required)
- All classes relate to skills needed for jobs in a particular occupational area
- Learn marketable skills

### **JOB CORPS**

- Vocational, academic and social skills training
- Room, board, and stipend
- Job/college support after leaving Job Corps

### **CITY YEAR AND AMERICORPS**

- Monthly stipend
- Educational Award for a complete year of service
- Opportunity to gain job skills and work experience
- <http://www.cityyear.org/>
- <http://www.americorps.gov/>

### **MILITARY**

- Learn valuable job skills
- Earn money for future education
- Army: <http://www.goarmy.com>,
- Navy: <http://www.navy.com>,
- Air Force: <http://www.airforce.com>,
- Coast Guard: <http://www.gocoastguard.com>,
- Marines: <http://www.marines.com/>,
- National Guard: <http://www.nationalguard.com/>

SOURCE: <https://www.heath.gwu.edu/awareness-postsecondary-options>

## **NEVADA SCHOLARSHIPS**

### ***MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP***

The State of Nevada's Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program provides financial support to Nevada's high school graduates who attend an eligible Nevada community college, state college, or university. You may receive up to a maximum award of \$10,000 for undergraduate coursework during the six years following your high school graduation. There is no application form to complete. If you meet all Millennium Scholarship requirements upon high school graduation, the District will submit your name to the Office of the State Treasurer. You will receive an award notification in early August. A fact sheet on policy guidelines and requirements for eligibility can be obtained by calling 888-477-2667 or [http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS\\_Home/](http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/GGMS/GGMS_Home/). Please note that this information is subject to any changes in state law, policies adopted by the NSHE Board of Regents, availability of funding, and any related matters hereto.

## **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CODE OF HONOR**

There is a clear expectation that all students will perform academic tasks with honor and integrity, with the support of parents, staff, faculty, administration, and the community. The learning process requires students to think, process, organize, and create their own ideas. Throughout this process, students gain knowledge, self-respect, and ownership in the work that they do. These qualities provide a solid foundation for life skills, impacting people positively throughout their lives. Cheating and plagiarism violate the fundamental learning process and compromise personal integrity and one's honor. Students demonstrate academic honesty and integrity by not cheating, plagiarizing, or using information unethically in any way.

What is cheating?

Cheating or academic dishonesty can take many forms, but always involves the improper taking of information from and/or giving of information to another student, individual, or other source. Examples of cheating can include, but are not limited to:

- Taking or copying answers on an examination or any other assignment from another student or other source
- Giving answers on an examination or any other assignment to another student
- Copying assignments that are turned in as original work
- Collaborating on exams, assignments, papers, and/or projects without specific teacher permission
- Allowing others to do the research or writing for an assigned paper
- Using unauthorized electronic devices
- Falsifying data or lab results, including changing grades electronically

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is a common form of cheating or academic dishonesty in the school setting. It is representing another person's works or ideas as your own without giving credit to the proper source and submitting it for any purpose. Examples of plagiarism can include, but are not limited to:

- Submitting someone else's work, such as published sources in part or whole, as your own without giving credit to the source
- Turning in purchased papers or papers from the Internet written by someone else
- Representing another person's artistic or scholarly works such as musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, drawings, or paintings as your own
- Helping others plagiarize by giving them your work

All stakeholders have a responsibility in maintaining academic honesty. Educators must provide the tools and teach the concepts that afford students the knowledge to understand the characteristics of cheating and plagiarism.

Parents must support their students in making good decisions relative to completing coursework assignments and taking exams. Students must produce work that is theirs alone, recognizing the importance of thinking for themselves and learning independently, when that is the nature of the assignment. Adhering to the Code of Honor for the purposes of academic honesty promotes an essential skill that goes beyond the school environment. Honesty and integrity are useful and valuable traits impacting one's life.

Questions or concerns regarding the consequences associated with a violation of the Code of Honor may be directed towards your child's school administration and/or the school district.

#### **NON-DISCRIMINATION AND ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE**

CCSD does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed/religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, marital status or age, in admission or access to, treatment or employment, or participation in its programs and activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups, pursuant to federal and state laws including, but not limited to, Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.